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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6828 NOTE PREPARED: Feb 7, 2013
BILL NUMBER: HB 1466 BILL AMENDED: Feb 7, 2013

SUBJECT: Social Workers in School Programs.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Crouch

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill requires the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to develop and implement an evidence-based program model that partners with elementary and high schools to provide social services to children, parents, caregivers, teachers, and the community. The bill allows the FSSA to contract with an entity to implement the program model and sets forth requirements that the contractor must meet.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary*: This bill could increase state expenditures to implement a program that provides social services to high school and elementary school children. However, if the FSSA chooses to contract the requirement to a nonprofit corporation in the southwestern region of the state that meets the program requirements, state expenditures could increase by an estimated \$600,000 annually.

If the FSSA does elect to contract out the requirement, this bill will also require the FSSA to contract out the evaluation of the contractor's program model and annually report these outcomes to Legislative Council. Increases in state expenditures for this evaluation are currently unknown.

An information request from FSSA regarding the impact of this bill is currently pending. Additional information will be provided when it becomes available.

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Additional Information:

This bill requires the FSSA to either implement (or contract out the implementation of) an evidence-based program that partners with elementary schools and high schools to provide social services to children. The bill allows the FSSA to implement the program in the southwestern region of the state.

Currently, at least one nonprofit corporation in Evansville appears to meet the program model requirements as well as the vendor requirements specified in the bill. This program reported it will no longer receive federal grant funds of \$600,000 annually at the end of FFY 2013. It is expected that if FSSA were to contract out the requirements of the bill with the program, this bill could increase state expenditures by approximately \$600,000 annually. The actual impact of this bill will depend on the value of any contract entered between FSSA and a nonprofit organization.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: FSSA.

Local Agencies Affected:

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